

SENATE BILL 3854

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5;  
Title 6; Title 7; Title 9; Title 13; Title 57 and Title  
67, relative to local government funding.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 9, Chapter 4, Part 53, is amended by deleting §9-4-5303 in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) Prior to approval of the general appropriation act by committees on finance, ways and means of the senate and the house of representatives, the commissioner of finance and administration shall certify in writing to the chairs of those committees a listing of all laws of general application which have been adopted and signed by the governor, whose passage will require increased incorporated municipality expenditures or county government expenditures within the meaning of the fourth paragraph of the Constitution of Tennessee, art. II, §24. The commissioner shall additionally transmit a copy of such written certification to the office of legislative budget analysis.

(b) Such certification shall, to the extent possible, cite the specific costs attributed to each law by the fiscal notes prepared by the fiscal review committee, with such adjustments as are necessary to reflect the effect of any amendments or other changing circumstances.

(c) Following receipt of such certification from the commissioner, the committees shall report in writing to the speakers of the house of representatives and the senate, with copy to the commissioner and the comptroller of the treasury, the extent of allocations from the increases in the funds identified in §9-4-5301 required to provide the

state's share of the funding of any such incorporated municipality expenditure increase or county government expenditure increase.

(d) Any law of general application requiring increased incorporated municipality expenditures or increased county government expenditures which passes and is signed following the certification required by this section shall be identified in like manner in a supplemental certification to the committees, which shall file with the speakers, with copy to the commissioner and the comptroller of the treasury, a cumulative report indicating total assessments against such increases identified in §9-4-5302.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.